

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Glover. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by McLean et al.

With respect to the Examiner's objection to Figure 5 as lacking a detailed description, Figure 5 is a plan view of substrate 7 which appears in Figures 1 and 2. It is mentioned at line 24, page 15 of the specification that Fig. 5 is a plan view of the substrate 7. Therefore, Figure 5 should be referred to with reference to Figures 1 and 2.

Substrate 7 is a frame to support gasket 8 and has a substantially same plan layout as that of gasket 8. In Figure 5, seven large and small square holes are formed in the square plate of substrate 7.

In response to the rejection over Glover, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claim 2. The circuit board in Glover is different from the flexible print circuit. Glover is substantially a hard board.

In response to the rejection over McLean et al, the purpose of the present invention in claims 5 and 6 is not only to have a "detecting portion" but those claims show the possibility to provide a gasket with various sensors by the flexible print circuit being combined therein.

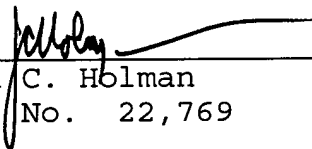
Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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